

Public Notice



Preparation of a Five-Year Review Report Port of Oakland Embarcadero Cove

Oakland, California 94606

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community that we will be preparing a Five-Year Review for the Port Of Oakland Embarcadero Cove Site (Site). The current remedy involves containing contaminated soil at the Site within a capped containment system. The containment system is comprised of several layers, including: compacted aggregate rock, compacted soil material, protective sand, a high density polyethylene liner, and a geosynthetic clay liner; and a liner cutoff wall to protect groundwater from exposure. An ongoing groundwater monitoring plan was instituted shortly after the completion of those remedial measures in order to periodically evaluate the continued effectiveness. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to determine if the current remedy in place continues to be protective of human health and the environment.

The Site is located at the intersection of Embarcadero and Dennison Streets. Between 1920 and 1970 industrial activities that took place on the Site included the handling and refining of petroleum products, as well as the formulation of wood preservatives, pesticides, and insecticides. Remedial investigations were conducted from 1981 to 1991which identified volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), organochlorine pesticides, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, and furans as the contaminants of concern.

The Five-Year Review Report will detail activities that have taken place at the Site in the last five years, including: analyzing groundwater elevations; annual chemical analysis for contaminants of concern; annual inspections of the integrity of the cap; and submission of annual technical reports to the DTSC. As approved by DTSC, the monitoring program focuses on 10 of the 16 Site wells which are located within the Site perimeter and at nearby offsite locations. You are encouraged to provide comments on areas that should be addressed in the Five-Year Review. Please submit written comments to **Tom Price, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley California 94710,** or via email at **TPrice@dtsc.ca.gov** by August 15, 2011.

A public notice summarizing the conclusions of the 5-Year Review Report will be placed in the Oakland Tribune to inform the community that the Report is complete. The Report will conclude whether the cleanup at the Site protects human health and the environment, and will be made available after September 15, 2011 in the information repository located at the **DTSC file Room, 700 Heinz Street, Suite 200, Berkeley, California 94710**. You may also find the 5-Year Review Report and other related project documents online at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public (type in 'Oakland' for the city and click on 'Get Report', then click on the report to bring up documents for the Site).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the Site, contact Tom Price, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3811 or TPrice@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation information, contact Marcus Simpson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-6683, toll free at 1-866-495-5651, or by email at MSimpson@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media may contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at (818) 717-6573 or JGarcial@dtsc.ca.gov.